

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-54177-2021

Date of Decision : **September 08, 2022**

TEJPAL SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present : Mr. Lovepreet Singh Sidhu, Advocate for
Mr. M.S.Khaira, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy A.G., Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI. J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.93 dated 1.5.2021 under Sections 420, 406 IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel and Professional Act (added later), registered at Police Station City Nawanshahr, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.

The petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court on 9.3.2022 subject to the condition that he shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required and also to hand over a demand draft of Rs.1.10 lacs to the Investigating Officer at the time of furnishing bail/surety bonds. Thereafter on 12.5.2022 last opportunity was granted to the petitioner to join the investigation since he did not join the investigation and it was also made clear by this Court that in case the petitioner fails to comply with the order dated 9.3.2022 then

the interim protection shall stand vacated on the next date of hearing. On 23.8.2022, the matter was adjourned for today on the request of the proxy counsel for the petitioner on the ground that the learned counsel for the petitioner was Covid-19 positive.

Today, again the learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Lekh Raj has stated that the petitioner has still not joined the investigation. He further submitted that apart from the same, rather the petitioner has already been declared as a proclaimed offender in the present case.

In view of the aforesaid position, since the petitioner has not complied with the directions issued by this Court for joining the investigation and the fact that the petitioner has already been declared as a proclaimed offender in the present case, the present petition stands dismissed.

September 08, 2022

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No